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Alison Bair



Parent’s Names: Ted and Amy Bair
Organizations: 4-H
High School Attending / Attended: Treca Digital Academy, 2024
Current Year in School (if applicable): n/a
Year of Graduation: 2024
Name of College and Major (if applicable): N/A
Special interests: Horses, welding, graphic design, automotive repair.
What do you most like to do in your leisure time: Work with my horses, Read, Spend time with family and friends.
List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.

- 2021 Horse Ambassador, 4H Club President, Secretary and Treasurer. Champaign Co. 4H youth Board Social Media Director, Extreme Honor Member

Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups. Horses are my Main interest in 4H, Such as going to horse Shows, Clinic,

and Showing my horse at the fair. While being in 4H I have became very interested in agriculture. I am now in a Job field directly related to every aspect of agriculture. Being in 4H throughout the years seeing older members teaching kids younger than them has taught me to always help anyone Who could need it and teach them all the Knowledge I have.
What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community?
What the Champaign County Fair Means To Our Community Each summer, the Champaign County Fair draws people of all ages to the fairgrounds in Urbana, Ohio. To an outsider, it might look like just a week of rides, food, and livestock—but to those who live here, the fair means so much more. It’s a time when families reconnect, kids grow in responsibility, and the community celebrates its roots in agriculture, hard work, and small-town pride. One of the most important roles the fair plays is giving young people a chance to learn and grow. Organizations like 4-H and FFA (Future

Farmers of America) are at the heart of the fair experience. Kids spend months raising animals, creating projects, or preparing for contests that they will present during fair week. The lessons they learn—responsibility, commitment, sportsmanship—stick with them for life. Many children in Champaign County show their first animal or win their first ribbon here, and the experience builds both confidence and character. The fair also serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of agriculture in our community. With farming being a major part of life in rural Ohio, the fair is a time to celebrate that tradition. Livestock shows, tractor pulls, and crop displays showcase the skill and effort that go into working the land. For many families, the fair is a way of honoring their heritage and passing down a way of life to the next generation. Beyond agriculture, the fair is a social hub. It brings together people who may not see each other often throughout the year —neighbors, classmates, distant relatives. For one week, the fairgrounds become a place of laughter, shared memories, and small-town connection. Local businesses set up booths, churches serve meals, and volunteers run events. This sense of togetherness is something that’s hard to find elsewhere, and it’s one reason the fair means so much to those who call Champaign County home. In the end, the Champaign County Fair isn’t just an event, it’s a tradition that reflects the values of our community. It teaches youth, honors our agricultural roots, and brings people together. Whether you’re entering a pie in the baking contest, cheering on a friend in the rodeo, or just enjoying a lemon shake-up on a warm evening, the fair is a reminder of who we are and what we stand for.



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Miyah Bandy



Parent's Names: Kristin and Zach Gould
Organizations: 4-H & FFA
High School Attending / Attended: Mechanicsburg High School, 2025 grad
Current Year in School (if applicable): n/a
Year of Graduation: 2025
Name of College and Major (if applicable): I will be attending The Ohio State University ATI to pursue a degree in Agriscience Education while also competing on The Ohio State Livestock judging team.
Special interests: Livestock judging is something I've really grown to love over the years, and it's become a big part of who I am. It's more than just lining up animals and picking favorites, it's about understanding structure, balance, muscle, and quality. Also being able to back up your decisions with solid reasons. Livestock judging has helped me build confidence, think on my feet, and talk in front of others without feelings as nervous. Judging through FFA has been the reason I've come out of my shell and feel more sure of the person I am, and the person I'm becoming. I also show pigs and dairy cattle through 4-H and FFA. I've shown pigs for as long as I can remember, starting all the way back at pee-wee showmanship and open class, but recently, I've found a new love for showing dairy steers and feeders. My

sister was the one brave enough to try a different species first, and after helping her take care of the feeders all year long, I found it was something I also enjoyed and I wanted to give something new a try. FFA has been my favorite organization to be a part of. Through FFA, I have participated in livestock judging, urban soil judging, parliamentary procedure, ag sales, job interview and vet science. FFA has helped me find my passions in life which is to continue to livestock judge at The Ohio State University ATI, but also pursue my chosen career of being an FFA advisor and agricultural educator.

What do you most like to do in your leisure time: In my leisure time, I love slowing down and doing things that bring me peace and joy. Gardening is one of my favorite hobbies, it allows me to dig in the dirt, grow something beautiful, and reconnect with nature. I find it very rewarding to watch a plant thrive from just a tiny seed, and think there is something special about taking care of living things. When I'm not outside, you'll often find me curled up with a good book. Reading lets me escape into different worlds, learn new ideas, and unwind after a long day. I also enjoy baking, especially when I can try new recipes and share treats with my friends and family. And as a contrast to all the healthy fare, I admit, I've gotten a little of a reputation for my frequent taco bell runs. From private moments in the garden to spontaneous snack runs, my hobbies reveal the balance that I try to have between being earthy, creative, and simply just enjoying life.

List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.
High School Activities and Honors
Senior year:
High School Activities:
-Varsity Cheer Co-Captain
-Student Council President
-National Honors Society
-High School Mentor
-2025 Class Officer
-Purple Star Club President
-College Credit Plus, Clark State
-See Something Say Something Club
Awards and Honors:
-High Honor Roll
-January Senior of the Month
-Matt Calland Scholarship Recipient
-American Red Cross Scholarship Recipient
-Christy Notts Scholarship Recipient
-ONEGA Scholarship Recipient
-Jillian Ripley Scholarship Recipient
-Mechanicsburg Alumni Scholarship Recipient
-Daughters of American Revolution Scholarship Recipient
-Purple Star Scholarship Recipient
-Advanced Technology Scholarship Recipient
-Mack Hearty Scholarship Recipient
-The Ohio State University Alumni Scholarship
-The Ohio State University Academic Scholarship
-ATI Academic Scholarship
Junior Year:
High School Activities:
-Varsity Cheer
-Student Council
-National Honors Society
-College Credit Plus, Clark State
-High School Mentor
-2025 Class Officer
-See Something Say Something Club

Awards and Honors:
-Mentor of the Year Award
-High Honor Roll Award
-May High School Student of the Month
Sophomore Year:
High School Activities:
-Varsity Cheer
-Student Council
-High School Mentor
-See Something Say Something Club
-College Credit Plus, Clark State
Awards and Honors:
-High Honor Roll Student
-Received Membership of National Honors Society
Freshman Year:
High School Activities:
-Varsity Cheer
-Student Council
-College Credit Plus, Clark State
Awards and Honors:
-High Honor Roll Student
4-H Activities and Projects
Senior Year:
Activities:
-4-H Club Vice-President
-Champaign County Youth Board Member
-Junior Pork Council Member
Projects:
-Dairy Feeder Project
Junior Year:
Activities:
-4-H Club Secretary
-Junior Pork Council Member
-2024 Pork Queen
Projects:
-Dairy Feeder Project
-1st Overall Dairy Feeder 4-H Showmanship
-Dairy Feeder Final Drive Participant
-Rate of Gain Dairy Feeder Champion
-2nd Runner-Up Fair Queen
Sophomore Year:
Activities:
-4-H Club Member
-Junior Pork Council
Freshman Year:
Activities:
-4-H Club Member
-Junior Pork Council

FFA SAE's, CDE's and Awards
Senior Year:
SAE's:
-Dairy Steer
-Market Swine
CDE's:
Urban Soil Judging:
-County High Individual, High Team
-District High Individual, 5th High Team
-State Participant
Job Interview:
-Attended the County Contest, 2nd High Individual
Parliamentary Procedure
-Attended the Sub-District Contest, 4th High Team
Livestock Judging:
-Gallia Contest, 3rd High Individual, High Team
-ATI Invitational Contest, 13th High Individual, High Team
-Champaign County Invitational, Top 30 Individual, 2nd High Team
-Wilmington Aggies Invitational, High Team
-Indian Lake Invitational, 10th High Individual, 3rd

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High Team
-State Prelims Participant
-Arizona National Livestock Show, Top 30 Individual
Awards:
-Chapter Vice-President
-State FFA Degree
-Senior Chapter Leadership Award
Junior Year:
SAE's:
-Dairy Steer
-Market Swine
CDE's:
Urban Soil Judging:
-County 4th High Individual, High Team
-District Top 10 Individual, High Team
-State Participant
Job Interview:
-County Champion
-Sub-District Participant
Ag Sales
-Sub-District 2nd High Team
-District Participant
Vet Science
-Participated on the Online Vet Science Quiz
Animal Management
-Participated on the Online Animal Management Quiz
Livestock Judging
-Callia Contest, Top 20 Individual, 4th High Team
-Wilmington Aggies Invitational, High Team
-Ohio Beef Expo, 4th High Team
-State Prelims, 7th High Team
-State Finals, 16th Overall Individual, 7th Overall Reasons, 6th High Team
Awards:
-Chapter Treasurer
-Junior Chapter Leadership Award
Sophomore Year:
SAE's:
-Market Swine
CDE's:
Urban Soil Judging
-County Participant, High Team
-District Participant, High Team
-State Participant
Job Interview:
-County Participant
Awards:
-October FFA Member of the Month
-Chapter FFA Degree
Freshman Year:
SAE's
-Market Swine
CDE's
Urban Soil Judging
-County Participant, High Team
-District Participant, High Team
-State Participant, 6th High Team
Awards:
-FFA Greenhand Degree
-Freshman Chapter Leadership Award
Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups. Of everything I've been involved in, FFA is the one that has influenced me the most and sparked a lasting interest that will continue to guide my future. Back when I started my journey in freshman year, I had no idea who I was yet, let alone the person I was planning a future for. My first year in high school FFA included something that would shape my confidence along with my commitment to the art of leading. One of our FFA State Soils team members backed out on the night

before the state competition. Being a Freshman and as inexperienced as I was, I was scared to compete, especially at the state level with three experienced upperclassmen. But, I thought that the team needed a volunteer heart to fill her spot. Without question, I decided to take her place. With my nervousness and lack of experience, I committed myself to learn everything I could with the little time I had. I studied soil profiles, performed texture identification activities, and I asked every question possible to my team and advisor. The process forced me to go out of my comfort zone, but also taught me initiative even when circumstances are against you, preparation, and teamwork. Competing at State Soils not only kept us in the running, but it benefited me too. I discovered a new love for learning and a passion to lead by example. My efforts were not wasted, later in the year, I received our Freshman Chapter Leadership Award. Being recognized was nice, but more importantly, I learned leadership is not always about titles. Sometimes it is just a matter of showing up when no one else will and giving it your best shot. That experience set the tone for the rest of my FFA career. It reminded me that standing up when you don't have to can leave a lasting impression on others and yourself. During my junior year, I was ready to try something new. I competed in the ag sales contest, vet science, and animal management. But there was one particular CDE I really wanted to give a try, livestock judging. I had always wanted to try this CDE because I've grown up around animals my entire life and it was something I loved. After my first content, I knew I had found my calling. I was able to compete at the state prelims contest where my team placed 7th before heading to finals. After finals, we sat in 6th place and this earned us a trip to Arizona Nationals in December where we competed this past year as a team. We placed top 15 as a team and we were 3rd overall in the sheep and goats category.

For my senior year, it wasn't as smooth sailing as I would have hoped. There were so many setbacks on my journey that prevented me from reaching the goals I had set for myself. But with the support of my FFA advisors, chapter members, and of my fellow officers, I realized this was all just a small piece of a much larger puzzle, and all I can do is trust in the plans set for me. This fall I will be attending The Ohio State University ATI, where I will continue livestock judging at the collegiate level and represent my school in competitions. Beyond college, I plan to return to my community as an agricultural education teacher and FFA advisor. My goal is to inspire and guide future generations of students just like I was inspired, and help them find their own passions through FFA, the agriculture industry, and the values of leadership and service. What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community? The Champaign County Fair isn't just a yearly event, it's a tradition that brings our community to life. Every August, people from all corners of the county gather on the fairgrounds in Urbana to celebrate the values that make our town special, family, pride, small-town connection, and the joy of simply being together. The fair is more than just food and rides, it's a symbol of who we are, where we've come from,

and the roots that tie us all together. For our community, it's a place of reunion and celebration. For me, it's home. During my time as the Champaign County Pork Queen, I had the opportunity to travel to fairs in other counties across Ohio. I saw firsthand how each community celebrates in its own way, but I always came back with the same thought, there's nothing like ours. Other fairs were nice, but they didn't have the heart that lives at the Champaign County Fair. Ours feels like more than just an event, it feels like family. Whether it's watching someone you've known since kindergarten win a ribbon, hearing a neighbor cheer you on from the stands, or just getting stopped every few feet to say hello to someone you know, there's an unmatched sense of closeness here that's hard to find anywhere else. One of my favorite parts of the fair is the steer show. It's arguably the biggest event of the week, and for me, it's been a longtime family tradition to gather in the stands and cheer on my cousins as they stepped into the ring. Even as a spectator, the energy, the pride, and the emotion are unforgettable. I remember the excitement in the air, the proud tears in family members' eyes, and the way everyone came together to support one another, win or lose. Moments like that don't just happen, they're built from years of shared values, hard work, and community support. The same kind of support can be felt in every corner of the fairgrounds. Local businesses set up booths, churches and service groups run food stands, and volunteers of all ages pitch in to help make the week run smoothly. It's the kind of effort that doesn't

happen unless people genuinely care, and in Champaign County, they do. The fair creates space for everyone to be a part of something bigger than themselves. It connects generations, with grandparents passing stories to grandchildren and old classmates catching up after years apart. For many families, like mine, fair week feels like a reunion, full of familiar faces, inside jokes, and annual traditions. Some of my fondest memories aren't big or flashy. They're the little things, walking through the midway at sunset with a lemon shake-up in hand, sitting under the grandstand lights talking with family, and laughing with friends after a long day. They're the things you don't even realize are becoming memories until you're looking back and smiling. The fair also plays an important role in keeping our community strong. It brings in visitors, supports local vendors, and creates opportunities for connection that are rare in the fast pace of everyday life. It's a place where people slow down, show up, and support each other. That kind of togetherness is something to be proud of. In the end, the Champaign County Fair is much more than an event, it's a piece of who we are. It represents the heart of our community, full of love, full of laughter, and full of tradition. I'm proud to have been part of it as Pork Queen, proud to have made memories with my family there, and proud to call Champaign County my home. No matter where life takes me, I know I'll always come back to the fair, to the lights, the music, the people, and the feeling that I belong.



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Kaydence Connolly

Parent’s Names: Kevn & Robin Connolly
Organizations: 4-H, FFA
High School Attending / Attended: West Liberty-Salem 2025
Current Year in School (if applicable): n/a
Year of Graduation: 2025
Name of College and Major (if applicable): Wilmington College - Accounting
Special interests: I participate in activities in FFA and 4-H such as attending shows, helping in my clubs, holding offices. I also participate in activities at national shows I atted.
What do you most like to do in your leisure time: When I get spare time I like to hangout with my friends, go out to eat, and spend time at home. Throughout the summer I enjoy being by the pool.
List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.
FFA – Livestock Judging, Soil Judging, Strawberry Sales, Fruit Sales, Ag Science Day, State Convention, National Convention, Farm Science Review, Job Interview, End of Year Activity, Jar Wars, FFA week, Community Service.
4-H – Champaign County 4-H camp, Jr. Beef Council, Beef Royalty, Flea Market.

What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community?
There I stood in the same show arena that my parents had stood so many years before me. I stood in anticipation of being selected Grand Champion breeding heifer of the 2022 Champaign County Fair. I could see the judge admiring all the other great cattle and other junior fair members as he walked right to me. That was it I won! He picked me and my heifer to be the champions. What an honor to get to be a part of a tradition that has been a part of many generations. And to know that my sister as well as the audience was watching a yearly tradition of the Champaign County Fair.
Each year junior fair participants, community members, local businesses and visitors from all over gather at the Champaign County fair to watch and participate in these traditions that have kept our county connected for over a hundred years. As a member of our community and a fellow participant of the fair one can feel the celebration of agriculture that happens in every barn and arena. From the species shows to the 4-H and Michaels Building where non-livestock exhibits are displayed you will see ribbons, trophies, and other great accolades of celebration of hard work. You can also visit





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the merchants building to connect with local businesses that help to support all of our hard work at various sales either by purchasing an animal at the annual livestock sales or a pie at the pie auction. (mmmm, pie!)

One of my favorite things is to watch our local community as it gathers at the grandstands every year to watch the traditional crowning of the fair queen followed by the traditional pig and calf scramble. It is always a great time to see everyone’s biggest supporters their family and friends in t-shirts supporting their adventure of trying to catch next year’s project. As you walk around the fairgrounds you will get to see how great it is each year to see members gathered at the barns, campers, or at a local food vendor catching up on various topics, I enjoy walking around after I get something delicious to eat. Whether it’s ice cream or a sandwich and stopping by to watch one of my friends show one of their animals or standing at the edge of the barn to talk to one of our local community members.

So, for me I believe the Champaign County fair means a sense of tradition for our community. No matter what that tradition maybe for you or your family or maybe you start anew tradition at the fair. To be crowned the fair queen for the 2025 Champaign County Fair would be a great honor as well as a tradition I would get to be able to hold with pride. A tradition that I would get to start for my family in hopes of my little sister getting to follow in my footsteps. Allowing her to see not only the traditions my family has and will continue to keep in the beef barn and throughout the Champaign County Fair but, to let her see what great pride I have in being a member of this community and its deep roots in agriculture. When I arrive every year at the fair, I can’t help but, think of all the traditions and gatherings that this year’s Champaign County fair will provide for everyone.

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Madalynn Dunham



Parent’s Names: Adam & Stephaine Dunham
Organizations: 4-H & FFA
High School Attending / Attended: Urbana High School
Current Year in School (if applicable): N/A
Year of Graduation: 2025
Name of College and Major (if applicable): N/A
Special interests: 4-H, FFA, OBYC, OH Best, MWWGS
What do you most like to do in your leisure time: In my leisure time I like to go to live stock shows, leadership development events, and work in the cattle industry. I love all things Agriculture and youth So I try to spend all my time bettering both of those things together.
List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and

School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect. 4-H: Club office (President, Vice President, treasure), OHio 4-H teen leadership council, 4-H camp counselor, youth council, Junior Goat Council, Juionr Beef Council, 1.FFA: Chapter office (president, vice President, Secretary, Helping Hands), Committee Chairman, State finalist for public speaking, chapter degree, discovery degree, greenhand degree, state & national convention, connectiam leadership conference, Animal science credential, Vet Science credential, General Livestock Judging credential, Agribusiness Credential, Meat science credential, State livestock judging, State Parli Pro. Other: OH BEST Junior Rep, OH Neef youth council, leadership team.

Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups. To keep it simple being an OH Best Junior Rep for the OCIA BEST program and an OH Beef youth council leadership team member have been the most influential to my leadership development and growth as a person. These two oppertunities have allowed me to help better the agriculture industry through the show and commercial side with passionate youth from across the state and giing me the tools to come home and help better my local community.
What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community? I have had the opportunities to write essays like this one when applying to represent species or breeds I show, never once have I encountered an essay question with so many layers to it. When you ask someone from outside of the community what they enjoy about the fair their answers are the food, the rides, or the games. However, when you ask a community member they will answer the kids, the industries, or the passion. To those who truly know the fair or those around it they understand that it’s not just one week a year it’s months, years, and lives that are spent around that one week a year. The amount of people that Champaign County Fair impacts is absolutely astonishing, from the judges, the 4-H and FFA members, the councils, boards, and the breeders all the way to the spectators and anyone that

visits the Champaign County Fair and witnesses the atmosphere of scramble night, wednesday night steer show Grand drive, or even the non-livestock project judging days they all walk away with something that will impact the rest of their lives. I have had the opportunity through the stock show industry to visit different county fairs across the state of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and North Carolina. Not a single one compared to what we have. The amount of community involvement we are blessed with is envied by every fair I have been to. The amount of sponsorship from local businesses is enormous; most dream of having a fraction of it. Support in Champaign County always comes in large amounts and in many different ways. We have so many members of the community that donate their time to species or committees for events and shows that help make everything that happens at the fair so great. The fair isn’t just the shows and the rides, it’s a second home to the livestock exhibitors, it’s an opportunity to showcase and widen life long skills, it’s the core and sole of Champaign County and the entire community around it. I am beyond blessed to have been raised in such an exceptional community that has created an amazing place and atmosphere for me and others to grow, learn, and serve. The Champaign County Fair is more than a fair; it is a second home and constant support system to all.

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Sami King



shows and the grand stands. I have participated in design team and each year we got different challenges along with materials to make something within a certain criteria. I truly enjoyed the challenges and critical thinking that came both years I was in it. Being softball team manager I would do scoreboard at home games while at away games I would record plays and stats of the game.

What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community? The Champaign County fair means a lot to the community, it stands for tradition.

Tradition between family, agriculture, and our community. The fair brings people together through 4-H and FFA, creating friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. Myself like many others have gained many friendships because of the fair 4-H clubs I have been involved in and my FFA chapter. I have been in 4-H since I was born as my mom and dad were advisors. Being with the same group of people for many years of my life I gained many friendships, which will always remain valuable to me. The fair also holds a deep connection to me because of my family's history. Getting to see my dad's name on a trophy as well as my siblings gives me an idea of how much my family is built on showing animals in 4-H at the Champaign County Fair. Our family has poured years of love, dedication, and time into showing animals at the Champaign County Fair, and I'm proud to carry on that tradition.

For many families in Champaign County our ancestors have grown up going and showing here. It brings me joy to be able to continue the tradition and carry on the family name as we get to love going to fair and showing. For some people they are the first generation to show or do non-livestock projects at the fair. They get to start a new tradition that they can continue onto their future families.

Each project can lead you to many life lessons, from taking care of animals to learning how to bake from your project book. You get to learn what you love about projects. They will get the opportunity to show your future family ways they can learn different things they love from different projects.

Unfortunately, many in the community only see the fair as food stands and carnival rides. While those are fun, there is so much more behind the scenes. For many of us, this is where we learned about agriculture, responsibility, leadership, and resilience. The fair teaches you how to care for something bigger than yourself. It shows you how to keep going, even when things do not go as planned.

I know many people, including myself that look forward to the Champaign County fair as soon as it is over. As soon as one fair ends, I am already counting down the days until the next. It brings me joy, purpose, and a sense of belonging that I haven't found anywhere else. I am forever grateful for the generations who came before me and started these traditions, and I am even more excited to continue them.

Because of the Champaign County Fair, I've discovered who I am, and I know I will carry these memories and values with me for the rest of my life.

Parent's Names: Anthony and Cynthia King
Organizations: 4-H & FFA
High School Attending / Attended: West Liberty-Salem High School
Current Year in School (if applicable): N/A
Year of Graduation: 2025
Name of College and Major (if applicable): The Ohio State University ATI branch – Greenhouse + Nursery Management
Special interests: My special interests are to learn more about greenhouse, such as learning all the different types of plants and how to take care of them.

What do you most like to do in your leisure time: I love to do a variety of things in my leisure time ranging from pickleball to working. I work at a produce store as well as on my farm which I enjoy. I also love to do demand art and puzzles. A lot of my summer leisure time is spent outside whether it is hiking or working with my animals.

List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect. I was in 4-H for 12 years being a demonstration officer 1 year, secretary the next, then president this year. I have been in junior fairboard for 3 and I am the secretary this year. I have been on junior dairy council 1 year being the treasurer. FFA was something I did all of highschool. I was the sentinel for 2 years. I played soccer all 4 years of highschool. As well as doing marching band for the first 3 years. I was the softball team manager for 2 years. I was in key club for 3 years. I did prom committee and helped with musical for 1 year. I did design team for 2 years. I have been activity involved in youth group for all of high school. I was in National Honor Society for 1 year. I got most improved in concert band 1 year. I got the White Tiger 1 year which is given from a teacher to a "rare" student. In highschool I had a little over 125 hours of community service.

Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups. I have been in 4-H my whole life, it has been a big part of my life. I have enjoyed being in junior fairboard and helping behind the scenes with

Essie McGuire



Parent’s Names: Michael and Tonya McGuire
Organizations: 4-H & FFA
High School Attending / Attended: Graham High School
Current Year in School (if applicable): N/A
Year of Graduation: 2025
Name of College and Major (if applicable): I will be attending Wilmington College, majoring in Dental Hygiene and Minor in Agricultural Communication.
Special interests: When I was born, my two older brothers were already showing pigs, so it’s safe to say I grew up in the pig barn and that is where I fell in love with the livestock industry. When they reached 4-H age, I followed them to the cattle barn and quickly realized that is where my heart yearned to be. While I showed pigs during my Clover-bud years, I couldn’t wait to show cattle and finally started showing at age nine with a beef feeder named Henry. Henry returned with me the following year as a fat steer and I’ve continued showing steers ever since. I still show pigs at the county fair, but I take my steers all over the state through the Ohio Best Program, to the Ohio State Fair, and the Champaign County Fair. Through FFA I have participated in floriculture, meat judging, livestock judging, and soil judging.
My involvement in 4-H and FFA have led me to Wilmington College where I plan to become a member of the Aggies, a collegiate agriculture society, join an agriculture sorority, and minor in Agricultural Communication.
What do you most like to do in your leisure time?
During my leisure time, I am in the barn with my steers. There is always something to do in the barn, like throwing hay bales, rinsing my steers, prepping for shows, practicing showmanship, and/or discussing the current feed program with my brothers. From mid-September through August, my day starts at 5:00 AM. I head to the barn to clean, feed, and love on my steers before getting ready for school, and I do the same at 5:00 PM. Once May rolls around, I add rinsing my steers before feeding in the morning and after feeding in the evening. During the few weeks that I don’t have

steers in the barn, I prepare for the new set and do a lot of shopping for cattle online and across five states. I also enjoy family dinners, especially when my brothers come over. Other activities I enjoy include going to the movies, watching fireworks, swimming, shopping, eating ice cream, hanging out with friends, going on vacations, and reading.

List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.

4-H

- Backyard Belles and Boys 4-H Club Clover-bud 2012-1015
 - Clover-bud Camp 2012-2015
- Backyard Belles and Boys 4-H Club Member 2016
 - Present
 - Offices Held: Health Officer, News Reporter, Recreation Officer, Safety Officer
 - Projects Taken: Market Beef, Cake Decorating, Market Swine
 - First Place Beef Skill-a-thon Winner Champaign County
 - Third Overall Beef Showmanship 2018, 2021
 - Fourth Overall Beef Showmanship 2022
 - Fifth Overall Beef Showmanship 2023, 2024
 - Reserve Overall Champion Market Steer at the Ohio State Fair 2024
 - Champion Chianina Steer at the Ohio State Fair 2024
 - Grand Champion Market Steer at the Champaign County Fair 2024
 - Third Overall Champion Market Steer at the Ohio State Fair 2023
 - Grand Champion Market Steer at the Champaign County Fair 2023
 - Third Overall Champion Market Steer at the Champaign County Fair 2023
 - Third Overall Champion Market Barrow at the Champaign County Fair 2023
 - Reserve Champion Maine Anjou Steer at the Ohio State Fair 2022
 - Fifth Overall Champion Market Steer at the Ohio State Fair 2021
 - Grand Champion Market Steer at the Champaign County Fair 2020
 - Numerous market barrow class and division winners at the Champaign County Fair
 - Rosette in Cake Decorating 2018

Community Activities

- Champaign County Jr. Beef Council 2020 – Present
 - Cleaned horse stalls after summer shows
 - Helped with December cattle weigh-ins
 - Cleaned and set up barns for the fair
 - Worked at the gate at the Champaign County Flea Market
- Champaign County 4-H Camper (2016-2021)
- Champaign County 4-H Counselor 2022-24
 - Worked Concessions at the Champaign County Flea Market
 - Completed health and safety training to care for campers

- Loaded the Extension Office Trailer with supplies for camp
 - Planned activities for a five-day camp
 - Attended camp for the week
 - Concord United Methodist Church
 - Attended Sunday School 2009-2019
 - Confirmation Class of 2022
 - Helped stuff Easter Egga and hide eggs for annual Easter Egg Hunt
 - Made homemade noodles
 - Helped with Chicken Noodle Dinners by serving, cleaning, cutting pies
 - Pro Cheer Lions Competition Cheerleader 2017-2019
 - Member of Champaign County Cattlemen’s Association
 - Member of Ohio Cattlemen’s Association
 - Member of Champaign County Preservation Alliance
 - Helped at Tour of Homes
- Graham High School Academic**
- National Society of High School Scholars
 - Honor Roll 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-5
 - College Credit Plus Courses at Edison State 2021, 2025
 - Student of the Month
 - Scholarships
 - Christy Knotts Ranae Donohoe Memorial Scholarship
 - Ohio Land Improvement Contractors of American Scholarship
 - Urbana Moose Lodge 1215 Scholarship
 - Urbana Rotary Club Scholarship
 - Wilmington Academic Scholarship
- Graham High School Extracurriculars**
- Powder Puff Football Team Member 2024
 - Basketball Cheerleader 2021-20225
 - Most Spirited Cheerleader 2021-22, 2023-4, 2024-5
 - Four Year Award
 - Two Year Letter Winner
 - Athlete of the Month
 - Competition Cheerleader
 - All Central Buckeye Conference Special Mention Award 2022
 - All Central Buckeye Conference Sportsmanship Award 2022, 2023
 - Football Cheerleader 2021-2025
 - Four Year Letter Winner
 - Golden Megaphone for Loudness Award 2021
 - Most Spirited Cheerleader Award 2022, 2023, 2024
 - Participated in GHS Cheer Face Painting Booth at the Back to School Bash
 - Participated in the Pony Wagon Days Parade
 - Participated in the GHS Cheer Face Painting Booth at the Pony Wagon Days Festival
 - Participated in the Graham Youth Cheer Camp and GHS Pee Wee Camp
 - Attended UCA Cheer Camp
 - A.B. Graham Ohio Hi-Point FFA Member 2021-2025
 - Activates
 - State Convention 2023, 2025
 - National Convention 2022, 2025
 - Blanket Making for Nationwide Children’s Hospital
 - Tree Packaging for Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District
 - Planted flowers in flower boxes in the Village

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 - Participated in Wreaths Across America
 - Dressed as an elf for Christmas in the Village and escorted Santa into town
 - Served food at the Ohio Lamb Booth at the Ohio State Fair
 - Unloaded a semitruck load of nonperishables for the food bank
 - Worked at the community food bank
 - Participated in Fruit Sales
 - Participated in Strawberry Sales
 - Worked at the entrance gate for home volleyball games
 - Attended Ohio FFA night at OSU's Hockey Game
 - Toured OSU's Plant and Horticulture Sciences Facility
 - Participated in Ag Day at Graham Elementary
 - Participated in the Kick Off to Spring Break Bowling Event
 - Participated in Cardboard City to raise awareness to homelessness and
 - Participated in the FFA Officer Team Chili Cook Off
 - Attended State FFA Leadership Nigh at Big Walnut High School
 - Participated in the annual FFA Carve the Pumpkin Event
 - Set up for Fashion to a Tea
 - Attended Champaign County Ag Administrators Dinner
 - Participated in the Annual FFA Chapter Tailgate Event
 - Attended Farm Science Review
 - Attended Annual Parent and Member Hog Roast
- Awards

 - Outstanding Senior Award 2025
 - Top Strawberry Sales Person 2025
- Career Development Events (CDE's)

 - Floriculture
 - Livestock Judging
 - Meat Judging
 - Soil Judging
- Certificates

 - Farm Business Management
 - Grain Merchandising
 - Veterinary Science
- Committees

 - Chairman of Red Cross Blood Drive 2022-23, 2023-4
 - Member of Fall Feed the Farmers 2022-2025
- Credentials

 - Elanco Fundamentals of Animal Science
 - Elanco Fundamental of Food Science Technology
 - National Collegiate Livestock Coaches' Association Principles of Livestock Selection and Evaluation
- Degrees

 - Chapter Degree
 - Greenhand Degree
 - State Degree
- Offices

 - President 2024-24
 - Reporter 2023-24
- Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)

 - Market Beef 2021
 - Crop Production 2022-Present
- Senior Nominations and Superlatives

- Nominations

 - Top Ten Homecoming Court Nominee
 - Top Ten Prom Court Nominee

- Superlatives

 - Best Dressed Award
 - Best Hair Award

Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups. Of all the activities, clubs, and organizations I have been involved in, the cattle industry has shaped me the most. I am highly competitive and cattle showing is a competition that is in my blood. I set goals, I work hard, I preserve, and like any sport, I do not always win. I have good days and bad days, but I do not stop trying. As many exhibitors know, you do not get the purple banner just by showing up on show day. While I spend countless hours, days, and months preparing for the Ohio State Fair, my steers are preparing me for life. The industry is teaching me healthy competition, responsibility, strong values, the value of relationship, and perseverance. Show ring competition evokes a wide range of emotions. It has taught me to be an internal competitor with myself. As I work in the barn each day, I focus on becoming the best version of myself because when it comes to showing livestock, if I can dream it, with hard work, I can do it. I set high goals, I work extremely hard, and if I have a little luck on my side, my goals are within reach. No matter what happens with class placings, we still won. My steer did precisely what I asked it to do, and I learned composure and grace. Responsibility is another lesson learned in the barn. There are many mornings when the alarm goes off at 5:00 AM, and I do not want to get up, but I know there are two living animals relying on me to provide for them.

I do not regret the parties or sleepovers I have missed or how tired I am from early mornings and late nights because I will never get back the time with the steers that became my best friends. I know I am their best friend, too, and they need me. My steers give me a reason to get up each morning. Through the hours I spend with my steers, I have learned the value of hard work and dedication. I have also learned patience from working with my brothers or a stubborn steer who does not want to be haltered. The cattle industry has taught me resilience, teamwork, and the importance of maintaining composure in high-pressure situations. Ultimately, I have learned to be compassionate, not just for my cattle, but for others as well, which stems from respect for their well-being. The best part of the industry is, by far, the people I have met and the friendships I have made. My cattle have brought me to know and love so many others from around the country. It is because of my steers that I have made so many connections, and that is the greatest asset I have gained. It is no secret that my goal is to win Grand Champion Overall Market Steer at the Ohio State Fair. In 2021, I won the 5th Overall Market Steer with an underdog named Stormy. In 2022, Brandon and I won Reserve Champion Maine Anjou Steer. 2023 was a trying summer with a steer named Teddy, who was deemed 3rd Overall Market Steer. Last year, I received the second handshake when my steer Pablo won Reserve Champion Overall Market Steer after a near-death experience on May 17. All of these are accomplishments that I am proud of. Whether you see it as winning second, third, and fifth, or whether you see it as being the first, second, and fourth loser, I see it as not reaching my goal. Last year, when the dust settled, and the barn was clean, I reflected on the past four summers, I doubted myself, and I thought long and hard about what I could do better, how I could improve, and what exactly I needed to do to reach my goal. And then my dad bought two new steers. So, with my dream in one hand and a prayer in the other, I am chasing the purple banner again. Another lesson learned: do not give up. I do not know what will happen at the Ohio State Fair this year, but I know that I have put everything the cattle industry has taught me into my steers. I set a goal; I have been responsible for my cattle, worked hard and stayed dedicated to my daily tasks. I relied on relationships, took my steers to competitions, put in the work, and prayed a lot. The only thing I know for sure is that the cattle industry has changed my life for the better, and I am evolving into the person I am meant to be, one steer at a time.

What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community?
I believe the Champaign County Fair means family time and friendships to the community. It is a once-a-year reunion of sorts that brings about stories of years gone by, changes made to the grounds, expectations for the future, and fun. It is a place to see old friends, make new ones, and to spend quality time with family. Every year, as the fairgrounds come alive with the buzz of activity, laughter, and the smell of kettle corn and livestock, something deeper is happening. We are not just attending an event—we are celebrating who we are. At its heart, the fair is a tribute to our agricultural roots. It is a place where generations of families gather to honor the hard work that goes into farming, raising animals, and preserving rural life. For those involved

in 4-H and FFA, the fair is a culmination of months of dedication and responsibility. Walking through the barns and seeing their animals or projects on display reminds everyone that our future is in good hands. Since I can remember the Champaign County Fair has been the highlight of my summer because my dad would take the entire week off of work. We would pack the camper and camp all week, usually not leaving the fairgrounds at all. My brothers and I had pigs, children's art projects and photographs, corn stalks, jars of soybeans, and homemade fudge entered in the fair with high hopes of winning in at least one category. My grandparents camped too, aunts, uncles, cousins, and all of our friends so it was really the most fun any kid could ask for. As I got older and was able to enter projects in 4-H, I made a lot of new friends. It was nice to know that other kids my age had chores or work to do before they could go to the midway and would have to leave the rides and games to go back to the barn to check on livestock. My brothers and parents were always at the barn too and together we cleaned pens, walked hogs, exercised cattle, fed, watered, and rinsed the steers. My grandparents never missed a show and were always there for extra support, and they still are today. I cannot imagine a county fair without family and friends. The Champaign County Fair has given so much to my family and I. It has provided competitions, and a time for my family to work together to reach the goals we set for ourselves. It is always nice to look into the stands and see family and friends there to support me, and to catch up with friends who I only get to see at the fair. But the fair is more than livestock shows and blue ribbons. It is a meeting place, a homecoming of sorts. Friends reunite, neighbors catch up, and strangers become familiar faces. In a time when much of our connection happens behind screens, the fair gives us a chance to be present - laughter over a shared plate of fair food, cheering on a tractor pull, or waving to someone across the crowd. We as a community also have much to be thankful for with the many councils, boards, junior boards, committees, advisors, teachers, and sponsors that help make the fair go around. We live in a county that is rich in the area of generosity and everyone can see it as soon as they drive into the parking lot. Each fairgoer is met with a smiling ticket taker and the happiest golf cart drivers. The vibe continues throughout the barns, buildings, midway, grandstand and track. There are many friendly faces to meet in Champaign County, and I am grateful for all of the aforementioned volunteers to make this the best fair in the state. The fair also plays a key role in supporting our local economy. For small businesses, local artists, and food vendors, the fair brings opportunity. It is a showcase of local talent, hard work, and entrepreneurship—something that's vital to a community like ours. Whether you are involved in agriculture or whether you are not, there truly is something for everyone at the Champaign County Fair. And maybe most importantly, the Champaign County Fair is about tradition. It is a time when fairgoers revisit their childhoods, share stories with their kids, and make memories that last a lifetime. It is a time when the whole county feels just a little smaller, a little closer, and a lot more like home. So, if you're showing a prize-winning animal, going around on the carousel, or just soaking in the summer evening with a Rotary ice cream cone in hand, the fair reminds us why community matters. It reminds us of us, family time, and friendships.

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Taryn Prince



Parent’s Names: Susan and Steve Prince
Organizations: 4-H, FFA
High School Attending / Attended: Graham High School
Current Year in School (if applicable): n/a
Year of Graduation: 2025
Name of College and Major (if applicable): Clark State – Ag Business
Special interests: I have been involved in the 4-H program for as long as I can Remember and I participated in Marching Band and FFA for all four years of high school as well as two years in middle school. I played basketball my senior year after not playing since middle school, which was one of the best decisions I could have made for my senior year. I also enjoy my job at Top Acres Dairy Farm, working with the people and cattle there. I also enjoy running my own beef operation which I hope to expand one day.
What do you most like to do in your leisure time: I spend quite a lot of my leisure time out in the barn with not only my

animals, but also helping younger members in my 4-H club with their projects. When spending time with friends I typically invite them to come hang out with me at the barn, due to all of them adoring seeing my cattle. In the middle of the day when it is too hot to work animals, I enjoy reading, laying out in the sun, and playing board games with my family. One particular member of my family I love spending time with is my nephew Beau. We play catch, chase and other various activities that a 3 year old boy enjoys.
List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.
FFA – Discovery Degree (2021), Greenhand (2022) Chapter Degree (2023), Community Outreach Chairmen (2023-2024) Chapter Treasurer (2024-2025), Chapter Community Service Award (2025) 4-H – Cloverbud Camp Counselor (2022) 4-H camp counselor (2023-2025), secretary (2016-2018 +2023) Treasurer (2019-

2022), Vice President (2025), Jr Goat Council (2020-2023) Marching Band – section leader (2022-2025) Squad Leader – (2022-2025), and Dance Commander (2023-2024)
Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups. In the summer of 2023, I went to Iquitos Peru, on a mission trip through my church. While there I got to see, first hand, how impoverished communities live. This experience sparked a fire in my to help everyone I can within my own community. Whether it be something big, or something that might seem small to someone else. I have since helped organize drives for a friend who’s house burnt down. I have helped with my FFA chapters organization of Feed the Farmers for the past two years. I have also played the part of the Easter Bunny for a local club when they were passing out Easter Baskets. I feel as though this made not only the kid’s day, but mine as well due to seeing the smiles on each one of their faces. When I was I band, I was always one of the first people to practice and one of the last people to leave practice. This was due to helping some of the younger members with developing their skills. This helped me create a bond with some of the younger members with developing their skills. This helped me create a bond with some of the younger members that the rest of the older members did not have. Experiences like this have helped me in creating a deep seeded foundation for not only helping others when they ask but also when recognizing when others around me need help.
There will never be a particular activity from 4-H or FFA that will stand out to me. This is because both of these organizations have been a huge part of my life for as long as I can remember. From showing a cow for the first time to raising my first goat, there have been so many people, and memories that I will forever cherish from the past years that I have been involved in

our youth agriculture programs.
What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community?
Each August, the quiet fields of Urbana, Ohio, come alive with the sounds of laughter, livestock, and local pride as the Champaign County Fair rolls into town. More than just a week of entertainment, the fair is a deeply rooted tradition that reflects the values, history, and spirit of the community. For generations, it has served as a gathering place, a learning hub, and a celebration of rural life-making it one of the most cherished events in Champaign County.
At its core, the fair is a celebration of agriculture and youth development. Operated by the County Agricultural Society and supported by Ohio State University Extension, the fair provides a platform for 4-H and FFA members to showcase their hard work and dedication. From raising livestock to crafting educational displays, young participants gain hands-on experience, build confidence, and develop leadership skills. The fair becomes a living classroom, where lessons in

responsibility, perseverance, and community engagement are learned not from textbooks, but from barns and show rings. Beyond its educational value, the fair is a powerful social glue. In a world that often feels increasingly disconnected, the Champaign County Fair offers a rare opportunity for face-to-face connection. Families reunite, neighbors catch up, and newcomers are welcomed into the fold. Events like the Chamber Night at the Races, hosted by the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce, bring together local businesses and residents in a festive atmosphere that fosters camaraderie and civic pride. Whether it’s cheering on a harness race or sharing a funnel cake under the grandstand lights, the fair creates shared memories that strengthen the community fabric.
Economically, the fair is a vital engine for local growth. It draws thousands of visitors to Urbana, boosting revenue for small businesses, vendors, and artisans. Local farms and food producers benefit from increased exposure, while the fairgrounds themselves become

a hub of activity that supports jobs and tourism. The ripple effect of the fair’s success can be felt throughout the county, reinforcing its role as not just a cultural event, but a contributor to regional vitality.
Perhaps most importantly, the Champaign County Fair is a celebration of identity. It honors the county’s agricultural heritage while embracing the future through youth involvement and modern amenities. It’s a place where tradition meets innovation, where the past is honored and the next generation is empowered. The fair’s theme for 2025, “Find Your Next Adventure in 4-H,” perfectly captures this spirit of exploration and growth.
In conclusion, the Champaign County Fair is far more than a summer attraction-it is the heartbeat of Champaign County. It educates, unites, and uplifts, reminding residents of their shared roots and collective potential. As long as the fairgrounds echo with laughter and livestock calls, the community will continue to thrive, bound together by the enduring magic of the fair.



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Sophia Pullins

Parent’s Names: Amy and Jeffrey Pullins
Organizations: FFA
High School Attending / Attended: Mechanicsburg High School
Current Year in School (if applicable): 11th
Year of Graduation: 2026
Name of College and Major (if applicable): n/a
Special interests: I love showing sheep and building a connection with my animals. I also love being on my FFA’s meat judging team. I’m so passionate about working hard to meet my goals.
What do you most like to do in your leisure time: In my leisure time I like to spend time with my family and friends. I also love being outside. Some other hobbies I love doing are cooking and baking.
List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.
NH: 2025-2026 Secretary, Marching band, Cross-Country Statition, FFA: 2023-2024 Reporter, 2024-2025 Secretary, 2025-2026 Vice President, 2022-2023 Star Greenhand, Leadership Award (all 3 years), FFA State Degree, Class Committee Member, Public Speaking team, Soil judging team, livestock

judging team, dairy judging team, Ag sales team, Parlimentary procedure team, Meat judging team.
Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups: I am very involved in the FFA because it gives you so many oppertunities. I have been on many trips with the teams I have competed with. I went to Denver, CO and Indiana with our meats team. I have went to State and National Convention. I also have learned a lot about myself and built my confidence through this program. The FFA community is another reason I am so involved. Everyone I have met through FFA has onc goal, to better their program. It’s so refreshing to be around people who love something as much as you do and work extremely hard.
What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community? The Champaign County fair means a lot to the community, it stands for tradition. I believe the Champaign County Fair upholds tradition and a feeling of comfort to our small community. This fair is one of the biggest events to happen all year. It takes so much time and effort to plan, that’s why we cherish it so much. Generations of community members have collectively put it together, whether it be



the fair board, the people bringing projects, or even people coming to see the fair. Those people also find new ways to better the experience and the functionality. Our fair is one of the best, it not only displays everyone’s compassion and dedication, but it runs so smoothly. Our fair is where every kid gets to show what they have been working at all year. The pride you carry showing off your project to people passing by or even in the show arena is unforgettable. It is a place where no one will view you based on your background, where you come from, how big of a name you have, or how much money you have. Tigre are so many opportunities for someone to choose from, you don’t have to bring an animal to our fair to compete. This event is not only a time for kids to show off their hard work but also to reconnect. You can see friends or family that you haven’t seen in years and reconnect with them. One benefit from being a small community is that we are all so close and always willing to help each other. Even people from outside the county say our fair is one of the best. People who move away from the area still come back year after year to enjoy our fair and all that it offers. The judges that we bring to officiate our shows always talk about how they have traveled from state to state and our fair is always one of their favorites. Not only do they speak of the high quality of our projects but they also speak of the hard work and dedication that is shown in the ring and the barns by the exhibitors and community that has helped us to get to where they are. In closing, I believe that our fair, the Champaign County Fair has so much to offer and will give you memories of a lifetime.

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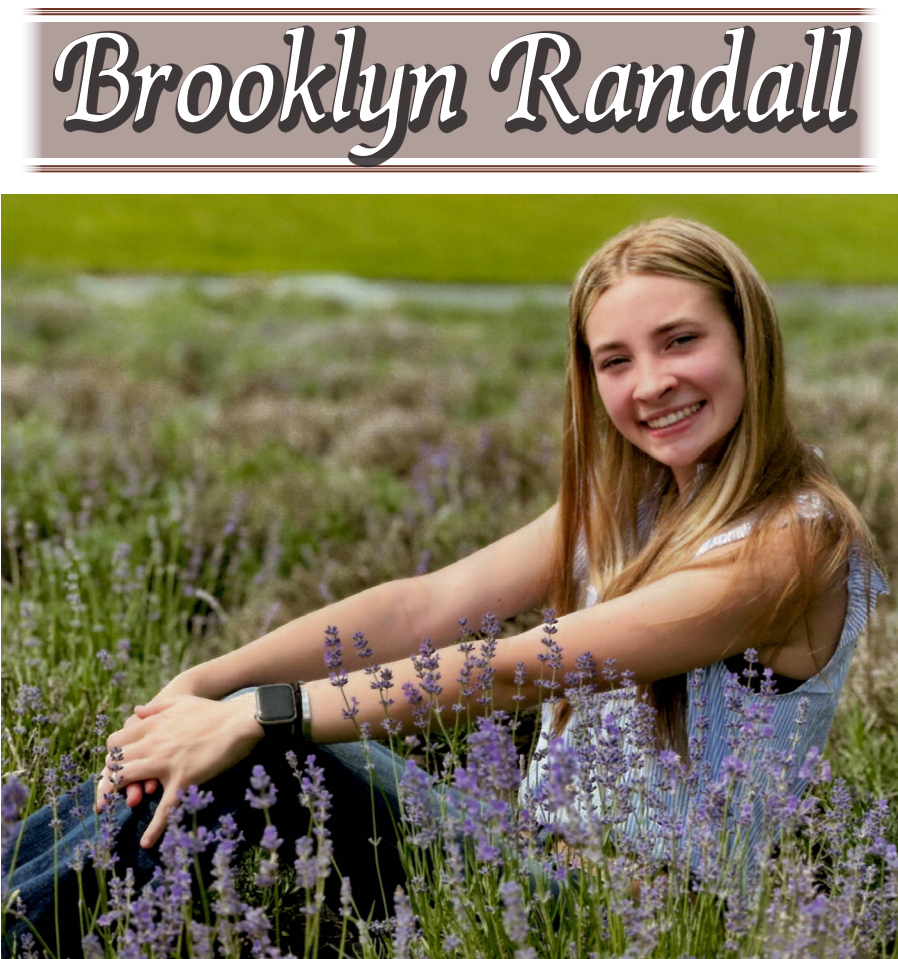
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Parent’s Names: Tony and Angela Randall
Organizations: 4-H & FFA
High School Attending / Attended: Urbana High School
Current Year in School (if applicable): 11th
Year of Graduation: 2026
Name of College and Major (if applicable): n/a
Special interests: I enjoy art mostly painting. Every now and then I ride horses for fun. I also like to travel to new places.
What do you most like to do in your leisure time: In my leisure time I go out with friends and my family, start mini projects, and volunteer in my community.
List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.
I have been an active member of 4-H since I was 9, participating in a wide range of leadership, communication, and project-based activities. I have represented my county at the Ohio State Fair in both public speaking and Job interview projects, I have received 2 Gold extreme 4-Her awards. Currently, I serve as a second-year 4-H camp counselor and am in my second year on the Champaign County Junior Fair Board. In addition, I am going into my third year as a member of FFA. For the 2024-2025 year, I served as the Reporter for the Urbana FFA Chapter and have been elected President for the 2025-2026 year. I have earned my Greenhand, Chapter, State degrees. Recently I was recognized with the career and Technical

Education Award as a junior. I am also entering my second year as a member of National Honor Society.
Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups: In 4-H over the years I have enjoyed many livestock and non-livestock projects. For livestock I’ve done horses, mare and foal, ducks, and plan to do both a Beef Heifer and show another mare and foal project at fair. Non-Livestock projects I have done are public speaking, Job interview, money management, wood working, scrapbooking, sewing, photography, ready to work, cooking, and alcohol and drug abuse. I plan to do scrapbooking again this year and on the road to financial success. In FFA I’ve participated in CDE’s and LDE’s. Those are livestock judging, rural soils judging, ag powers and diagnostics, job interview and I took the vet science test. I’ve done a few leadership conferences like The Washington Leadership Conference and The Connect I/Am Conference. I’ve participated at Healthy Kids day which is an event the YMCA put on for children. I’ve also helped out with Farm Day with my chapters. It is a day for 1st graders that go to Urbana City Schools. My FFA Chapter also hosts a homeless awareness event for the caring kitchen called cardboard city. My chapter also raised money to do an event called Meals of Hope where we packaged over 35,000 meals. Those meals were distributed in places both in Champaign and Clark County. Through the Champaign County Youth Board we host an easter egg hunt at the fair grounds

and we do stuff for the monthly flea market. As well as we help out when needed at the fair. On the Champaign County Jr. Fairboard we work both the Matt Calland pull and the Enderle pull. We do a thing called stock the trailer where we collect donations for food to be distributed to different places around Champaign County. National Honors Society does mini monthly community projects. This organization also helped at Healthy Kids day at the YMCA. We also made up easter eggs for the Urbana Police Department. NHS does concessions for the Urbana middle school basketball games. We did Help the father/daughter dance at the YMCA as well.
What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community? The Champaign County fair means a lot to the community, it stands for tradition. The Champaign County Fair can be described in many different ways; the one that best describes it is lively. It’s not just about the rides or the livestock shows or even the delicious food, to the community it is more than that it is tradition; it is a place where people can connect with one another. A place where laughter is heard in every direction.
As the fair gets closer each year I find myself counting down the days. There is something about the atmosphere that really gives a sense of comfort. I watch as dads, who grew up here stop and chat on the side of the busiest walk ways they can find with everyone they see. They talk about memories of when they were younger and catch up on their day to day life.


I turn and see moms catching pictures of their kids having a good time, showing animals or just eating a big texan tenderloin that is bigger than their child. I see grandparents watching their grandkids at the livestock shows and reminiscings about when they were younger. When it comes to seeing people my age they are running around laughing and making unforgettable memories. Sometimes I’ll sit and watch a friend show or we’ll go play the games to try and win stuffed animals. It’s a place where it’s easy to forget about our busy lives and enjoy the simplicity of other people’s presents.
At the same time our community steps up and volunteers their time to make the fair run smoothly. There are some who are working near the grandstands handing out wristbands or those who work the front gates giving stamps. While some are volunteering at shows by handing out ribbons or keeping the shows on track by making sure the right person goes in the ring at the right time. There is also so much preparation that goes into many events to keep the fair the fair. Whether its scheduling pulls or derbies or sitting in at the extension office figuring out what kids get what numbers on their backs.
Fair is one week out of the year where almost the entire community attends. Whether they are showing animals, watching events at the grandstands, or just riding the rides and walking with friends. The community comes together to make the fair a place where everyone feels they belong.




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Elizabeth Riley

Parent’s Names: Heather Riley
Organizations: FFA
High School Attending / Attended: Graham High School
Current Year in School (if applicable): 12th
Year of Graduation: 2025
Name of College and Major (if applicable): Edison State majoring in nursing
Special interests: Bowling, reading, pigs, singing.
What do you most like to do in your leisure time: I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, spending time in the pig barn, working at Kone Korner and spending time with my little brother Morgan.
List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect. FFA Chapter Reporter, 4-h Vice President, bowling, basketball, softball, Greenhand degree, Chapter Degree, 1st team all Ohio, 10th place dairy cattle judging, 1st team CBC, Bowling honnor roll, 2nd place strawberry seller, Athlete of the month,

honor roll all 4 years, top 30 vet science CDE, General livestock top 30.
Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups: I enjoyed bonding with my fellow teammates as well as being able to be part of a team that accomplished so much with little support. I enjoyed being able to take leadership in my FFA chapter and take on tasks I wouldnt have in the past. being able to step out of my comfort zone and become a strong leader. During my time in FFA I enjoyed taking part in all of the different CDE’S mostly livestock, and vet science. I enjoyed being able to make all Ohio team and the opportunity I was given to bowl at Nationals.
What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community? The Champaign County fair means a lot to the community, it stands for tradition. The Champaign County Fair brings our community together in different ways. A lot of people use the fair to showcase their hard work and talents, that is shown through livestock or their homegrown items, crafts, and artwork. It’s where



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generations come together whether its parents or grandparents passing down their love for the fair, animals or their work creating memories that last a lifetime. Besides having fun at the rides and enjoying all the fair food and food trucks, the Champaign County Fair also plays a vital role in supporting local businesses and a place vendors can share their crafts with a wide audience. It’s a place where the whole county comes alive with people from near and far to experience the spirit of our community.
The Champaign County Fair is more than just a week of festivities; it’s a reflection of who we are as a community, it’s about our shared experiences, values, and dreams. It’s a reminder of the importance of coming together, and supporting each other’s achievements and things that make us proud to call this our fair. To me the fair is a place you not only learn things but you grow as a person but also as a showman. Getting the hands- on experience you get when you show livestock or even if you do other projects is helping you grow

educationally.
One of the most significant aspects of the Champlain County Fair is its role in preserving our agricultural traditions. Agriculture is deeply woven in the fabric of our community, and the fair provides a platform to honor this heritage. The fair serves as a reminder of the hard work and dedication the farmers do for us. to survive in our daily lives whether that be with crops or meats in different forms. The fair is a place for neighbors to reconnect, where friendships are forged and memories are made. The sound of laughter, the smell of fair food, and the sights or colorful displays creates an atmosphere of excitement and joy.
Whether you’re cheering on a loved one in a competition, enjoying a milkshake from the rotary barn, strolling through the barns, or going around on the rockstar, the fair offers something for everyone. It’s a time where everyone can come together and strengthen the bonds that make Champaign County such a special place to call home.

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Hannah Volp



Parent’s Names: Elisha and Greg Volp
Organizations: 4-H
High School Attending / Attended: Graham High School / Ohio Hi-Point Career Center
Current Year in School (if applicable): 11th
Year of Graduation: n/a
Name of College and Major (if applicable): n/a
Special interests: Marching Band, Heavy Equipment, Cows, 4-H, Baking, Cooking, Cleaning, Swimming
What do you most like to do in your leisure time: I listen to music, hang out with my friends and clean.
List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.
4-H Leadership Positions – Club president vice president, Treasurer, secretary. Marching Band – section Leader, Co-section Leader, Squad Leader. FFA – sophomore scholarship Award 2024
Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups: I like the groups I’m a part of because of the sense of community. Under the big organizations of 4-H, FFA and even Marching Band, there are groups of individuals that bond together because they enjoy the presence of the people that surround them. When your in these groups you have people you can lean on which leads to that sense of community. I also find comfort in these groups because sometimes that community leads to more of a family

setting where there will be fights and drama but you till have eachothers backs and will be there for each other in our rough patches.
What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community?
The Champaign County fair means a lot to the community, it stands for tradition. I believe that the Champaign County Fair gives the community a chance to see the progress and accomplishments of those who live in the county. It gives the people who live in our county the ability to showcase said accomplishments. People in Champaign County always look forward to just this one week for many things including the food, animals, projects, rides, or even just come back year after year to relive memories or to make new ones. I know personally I have many family members who have made memories at the Fair and have since moved out of the county but still continue to come back year after year to relive those memories. I also believe the Fair is an amazing opportunity to show people who don’t live in Champaign County how great our county truly is. There are many people whom I’ve run into that say it is their first time being at our fair and how much they already love it because it feels so homey and is so organized compared to surrounding counties. Keeping this grand culture and community alive through the Champaign County Fair is vital toward Champaign County’s reputation and to the people who live in this beautiful county.

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